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MECHANISM

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1. PERMDEL RECEIVED APPROVED TEXT PER REFTEL THIS MORNING. WE ALSO DISCUSSED PROPOSAL AND TACTICS WITH CARR, UK DELEGATION AT LENGTH YESTERDAY. CARR SAID MARTIN WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH US ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US INITIATIVE. WE TOLD CARR WE WOULD GIVE HIM OUR TEXT AND HE CAN TRANSMIT IT TO MARTIN. CARR HAS ALREADY INFORMED MARTIN OF THE GENERAL SUBSTANCE OUR PROPOSAL AND MARTIN HAS RAISED NO OBJECTIONS TO OUR GOING AHEAD WITH THE PLANNED INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN MARTIN SUPPORTS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE IDEA. TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN HIS SUPPORT WILL BE THE PURPOSE OF A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, BUT EVEN IF MARTIN DOES NOT
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SUPPORT SUBSTANCE OR IS ONLY LUKE WARM WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE PLAN AT THE SPRING GOARD UNDER THE HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA ITEM.

2. AS TO THE NINE, CARR SAID HE COULD PUT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA ALTHOUGH IT IS ALREADY, ACCORDING TO CARR, OVERCROWDED. MEETINGS OF THE NINE ARE OPEN ONLY TO

THOSE DELEGATIONS, BUT CARR IS NOW CHAIRMAN AND THEREFORE THE KEY PERSON TO KEEP ON OUR SIDE. WE ARE MEETING WITH CARR TOMORROW MORNING AND WILL GIVE HIM THE TEXT AND ASK THAT HE PUT THE ITEM BEFORE THE NINE. CARR HAS NOT INDICATED THAT MARTIN WOULD SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH THIS PROCEDURE, BUT WE WILL RECONFIRM THIS.

3. AS TO PHONING MARTIN, WE WOULD FIRST WANT TO GET CONCURRENCE OF CARR. MARTIN IS CARR'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR AND SO IT IS A SENSITIVE AREA. IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH CARR WE INTEND TO ASK HIS CONCURRENCE FOR A DIRECT CALL TO MARTIN AND WILL DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

4. WE DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE WITH MARTIN UNTIL HE HAD RECEIVED OUR TEXT. CARR HAS CHECKED WITH MARTIN AS TO THE BEST DATE FOR US TO GO TO LONDON AND IT IS THE 18TH. WE PLAN TO LUNCH WITH MARTIN ON THAT DATE.

5. ASSUMING CARR PUTS OUR INITIATIVE BEFORE NINE TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, WE THEN WILL PROCEED WITH INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NINE. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVE WILL REQUIRE GOING TO CAPITALS. THIS SHOULD BE DONE AFTER WE REPORT THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR TALKS HERE.

6. WE ALSO PROPOSE AFTER SOUNDING OUT THE NINE TO MEET WITH NAJMAN AND FILL THE DG IN ON WHAT WE PLAN. THE
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EXACT TIMING WILL BE WORKED OUT AS SOON AS WE HAVE MADE OUR WESTERN SOUNDINGS.

7. IN OUR JUDGMENT, OUR INITIATIVE CAN BE INTRODUCED AS WE PLAN IN OUR STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. WE INFORMALLY MENTIONED OUR INTENTION TO MAKE A PROPOSAL AT YESTERDAY'S INFORMATION GROUP MEETING, BUT DID NOT GO INTO SUBSTANCE. THERE WILL BE OTHER MEETINGS BEFORE THE BOARD BEGINS AND DURING THE BOARD WHEN WE WILL GO INTO DETAIL. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN INITIATIVE, SEE SEPTEL, ON IG GROUP, TO HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS ITEM PUT FIRST WEEK OF MAY, GIVING US GREATER TIME TO LOBBY IN CORRIDORS. WE THINK THIS HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING AGREED TO PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE BOARD MEETING SO THAT THE TIME TABLE WILL BE REVISED BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS.
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